Board Briefs

School District 5 of Lexington & Richland Counties

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Synopses of meetings of the Board of Trustees of School District 5 of Lexington & Richland Counties are provided for your information.

December 14, 2020

During the December 14, 2020 school board meeting the following took place:

Mrs. Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and offered welcoming remarks. Board member, Mr. Matt Hogan, gave the invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Melton introduced Mrs. Goggins, Director of Communications, who shared a video presentation of FFA (Future Farmers of America) students. The students explained the growing process of the poinsettias that were presented to members of the Board of Trustees at the start of the meeting. Dr. Melton called on Mr. Len Richardson, Chief Finance Officer, to introduce Mr. Matthew Hodges of Burkett, Burkett and Burkett, Certified Public Accountants, to present the draft Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for FY 2019-2020. Following the presentation, time for questions was provided to board members. Mrs. Huddle requested a list of all contracts over $50,000 during the period and whether or not they met the procurement code requirements for approval. Mr. Loveless made a separate motion for auditors to review the sole source and emergency procurement information to see if a contract in question is a sole source contract. Lastly, Dr. Christina Melton provided an update entitled: *2020-2021 School Reentry Overview: Part IX*, which focused on an athletics update and the introduction of the COVID-19 Dashboard on Friday, December 11, 2020. Mrs. Huddle made a motion to move the discussion and vote on reentry to a place on the agenda following public participation.

During public participation, the following people spoke regarding school redistricting: Kaitlin Brooke Stubbs (student), Greg McGlohorn, and Paul Ziehl. Deana Berley, Hugh Ryan, and Shaun Mills spoke regarding reentry. Kim Weber spoke regarding the Irmo Strong Virtual 5K. The following people spoke in support of Dr. Melton, district administration and teachers: Alecia Klauk, Jamie Harrington, Debbie Goodman, Stacey Price, Reina Floyd, Lauren Gehr, Katherine Ramp, Melissa Washington Gary, Amy Carter, and Jessica Bower.

At the conclusion of public participation, Chair Hammond called a five minute recess (8:44 p.m. - 8:49 p.m.)

ACTION AGENDA

Following the brief recess, there was discussion and questions regarding reentry, a motion was passed to give the superintendent the ability to make a decision on reentry on an individual school by school basis when the student and/or staff data exceeds a 10% quarantine and positive case load per school. Dr. Melton recommended the return to distance learning on January 4, 5 and 6 following the return from Winter Break. A motion passed that supported Dr. Melton's recommendation. Action was taken as necessary or appropriate on matters discussed in Executive Session. A motion passed to defer hiring of the Chief Finance Officer. In regards to redistricting, a motion passed for Milone and MacBroom, Inc. to provide one additional scenario, for a total of two scenarios that address only creating an attendance area for Piney Woods Elementary School.

A one-time $1000 appreciation bonus was approved for all permanent employees employed as of November 30, 2020.

A partial suspension of Administrative Rule IKA-R "Grading/Assessment Systems" was approved.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Due to the late hour, a motion was made to defer agenda items #18-New Board Policy BCC "Process for Addressing Board Member Policy Violations" (Exhibit E), #19-Proposed revisions to the School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Procurement Code (Exhibit F), and #20-Proposed revisions to Policy DJ "Purchasing" (Exhibit G).

Mr. Michael Guliano, Chief Instructional Officer presented proposed revisions to Policy IE "Organization of Instruction" (Exhibit J), and proposed revisions to Policy IJNDAA "Distance, Online and Virtual Education" (Exhibit K) for discussion/first reading.

Board members had a discussion regarding Policy BDE "Board Committees" (Exhibit H).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 p.m.